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SUBJECT: Communications Security (COMSEC) Matters

I therefore designate the Secretaries of State and Defense as a Special Committee of the National Security Council for COMSEC matters, to establish such policies relating to COMSEC as will achieve the maximum security of classified Federal telecommunications and to keep me advised of such policies through the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council.

1. Rescind the Executive Order of 3 July 1945 entitled "Cryptographic Security With Respect to Certain Communications of the Government."

2. Establish a United States Communications Security Board (USCSB) responsible for integrating policies and procedures affecting the security of classified Federal telecommunications.

3. Provide for the establishment of appropriate responsibilities and authorities to assure within the Executive Branch, among other things:

- (a) High and uniform standards of communication security.
- (b) Effective cooperation in COMSEC matters between departments and agencies concerned.
- (c) The adequacy of the cryptographic systems used.
- (d) Coordination of COMSEC problems, particularly policies with respect to foreign governments.
- (e) Satisfaction of legitimate requirements for the security of classified telecommunications.

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